## Visitation Requirements Guidelines

for Long-Term Care facilities



## **OUTDOOR VISITATION**

- Create accessible & safe spaces
- MUST continue except during inclement weather or resident health status changes
- COVID-19 outbreak status is NOT considered a reason to suspend outdoor visitation

## **INDOOR VISITATION**

- \*\*Indoor visitation **MUST** always be allowed. (\*\* Indoor visitation during an outbreak investigation and \*\*Visitation while resident in in Transmssion-based precautions)
- Length of visit should **NOT** be limited
- o Semi-private room If the roommate of the resident is unvaccinated or immunocompromised, avoid visitation inside the room as much as possible. If the resident's status does not allow leaving the room, conduct in-room visitation while adhering to core principles of infection prevention. In such case, privacy curtain must be pulled.
  - o Private room Vaccinated resident any number of vaccinated visitors as space allows
  - o No limit to number of visits per day/week, including same visitor daily
- \*\*Resident may have any number of visitors as space allows while physical distancing is still maintained.

## INDOOR VISITATION DURING AN OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION

While safer to avoid visitation during an outbreak, it is still allowed. Visitors should be made aware of the potential risk of visiting during an outbreak investigation. During an outbreak, visits should ideally occur in the resident's room. Visitors must **wear face masks** regardless of vaccination, practice **good hand hygiene**, and **physical distancing**.



While not recommended, residents who are on transmission-based precautions (TBP) or quarantine can still receive visitors. In these cases, visits should occur in the resident's room and the resident should wear a well-fitting face mask (if tolerated). Visitors should be made aware of the potential risk of visiting and precautions necessary in order to visit the resident in TBP. Visitors

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